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FOR MATTHEW NIMETZ, COUNSELOR, DEPT OF STATE ONLY

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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

FROM BOB AND IRA

1. YOU MIGHT LET ROSENBLATT KNOW THAT THE HOME OF MORRIS AMITAY WAS BOMBED EARLY MONDAY MORNING. THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS ASLEEP. NO INJURIES.

2. NORTHERN IRELAND. AS EXPECTED, IRISH ARE RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO OUR PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, SUNDAY LONDON TIMES CARRIED AN ARTICLE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH ON NORTHERN IRELAND WITHIN A FEW WEEKS ANNOUNCING US INTENT TO UNDERTAKE A PEACE INITIATIVE, INCLUDING A LARGE US AID PROGRAM. ARTICLE LINKED THIS TO THE VANCE MEETING ON THE HILL. WHITE HOUSE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH AN INTENTION. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WAS ASED ABOUT
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THIS REPORT ON "FACE THE NATION" AND SAID THAT THE US WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE AN "ACTIVE GOVERNMENT ROLE".

3. KAISER'S MEMO HAS NOT YET GONE TO WHITE HOUSE. IT SHOULD BE SIGNED TODAY OR TOMORROW.

4. MEXICO. OUR EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT SOCIAL

WORKING GROUP MEETING BE HELD AUGUST 11-12. PREVIOUSLY,

THEY SUGGESTED AUGUST 9 BECAUSE ANDY YOUNG WAS LEAVING MEXICO ON AUGUST 8. NOW THEY RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE A GAP OF A COUPLE OF DAYS BETWEEN THESE TWO HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. WE CHECKED WITH EGAN'S OFFICE AND TOLD EMBASSY THAT AUGUST 11-12 WAS FINE.

5. GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS. NO WORD YET ON STATUS OF DISPLAY DETERMINATION NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE CONSIDERING RESPONSE TO LUNS CONCERNS RE A TURKISH DRIFT OUT OF NATO BECAUSE OF OUR BEHAVIOR. PLAN IS TO REASSURE HIM WE HAVE NO SUCH INTENT BUT THAT TURKEY MUST PERMIT SOME SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS IF UNHEALTHY IMPASSE IS TO BE BROKEN.

6. CSCE. OUTLINES OF DURATION COMPROMISE ARE CONTAINED IN BELGRADE 4978 WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU. DELEGATION IS OBVIOUSLY IN TUNE WITH OUR THINKING. SECOND DRAFT OF COMMISSION REPORT IS MUCH MORE STATESMANLIKE THOUGH IT STILL SETS OUT RATHER AMBITIOUS AGENDA FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION.

7. DEMIREL INTERVIEW WITH UPI. IN FIRST FOREIGN INTERVIEW SINCE HIS DESIGNATION -- AND AFTER ECEVIT'S VAROSHA STATEMENT -- DEMIREL REITERATED HIS LONG HELD VIEW THAT CYPRUS IS A GREEK/TURKISH PROBLEM THAT CANNOT BE SOLVED
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IF THE US KEEPS PUSHING TURKEY INTO A SETTLEMENT. HE SAID MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF US INTERFERENCE HAS NOT GIVEN ANY RESULT AND IS NOT GOING TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN AT LENGTH WITH THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS IN LONDON BUT THAT HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHETHER THE US WOULD CHANGE ITS POLICY. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS ONCE AGAIN TO THE GREEK LOBBY AND PLEADED THAT "PEOPLE SHOULD SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME UNDERSTANDING US TOO BECAUSE WE ARE A GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND GOOD FRIENDS SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED AROUND." FYI. WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION RE DEMIREL'S STATEMENT SINCE IT HAS RECEIVED VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS HERE AND SINCE IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER IT WAS GIVEN IN A GENERAL SESSION WITH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, MOST LIKELY, OR WAS AN EXCLUSIVE TO UPI. IT IS POSSIBLE HE TOOK THIS RATHER INTRANSIGENT LINE IN RESPONSE TO THE EARLIER ECEVIT STATEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL SIGNS THAT THE VAROSHA PROBLEM CAN BE CONTAINED (SEVERAL CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO YOU). THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SIGNALS -- IN OTHER CHANNELS -- THAT DEMIREL DOES UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND IS GRAPPLING WITH QUESTION OF HOW TO UNDERTAKE MOVEMENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING HIS DOMESTIC POSITION.

MR. CLIFFORD HEARD ONE OF THE STARKER INTERPRETATIONS OF
THE DEMERIL STATEMENT ON THE RADIO YESTERDAY AND CALLED
TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN. HE WAS TOLD THAT WE ARE CHECKING

INTO THE BACKGROUND OF THE STATEMENT. CLIFFORD INDICATED
HE HAD BEEN FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARDS THE CARTER/DEMIREL
MESSAGE PROPOSED BY SPIERS BUT THAT NOW, BECAUSE OF
DEMIREL'S STATEMENT, HE WAS WITHHOLDING JUDGMENT. END FYI
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